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Attorney General John Ashcroft
U.S. Dept. of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of the settlement of the Microsoft litigation which is now pending. It is my belief that Microsoft has done this country a great service by their innovative products. Software development, from my layman's knowledge, appears to be a low entry cost product which requires substantial individual knowledge and creativity as opposed to great capital outlay (as opposed to Chip Manufacturing).

Certainly, I, in no way, want to condone any monopolistic practices by corporations, however, in Microsoft's case, I cannot see how they should be forced to share their creative processes with companies who would be taking advantage of Microsoft's initial hard work and creativity.

I think a majority of Americans are tired of this litigation and that we should get on with the real business of America and allow Microsoft's creativity to continue. There certainly are many other knowledgeable and creative people out there who can compete if they so desire, however, they should not be able to take advantage of Microsoft's initial innovations.

A plot against Microsoft appears to be focused on college campuses, including my son's, who feel that Microsoft is the "evil doer". Microsoft, because of the great wealth it has created, has replaced or is the current representation of "corporate America", which, in one's youth, one loves to vilify.

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However, the majority of Americans want Microsoft to be
praised rather than be condemned or penalized.

I remain

Very truly yours,



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cc. Senator Rick Santorum